

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Janakraj Karamchand MEHRA et al.) Examiner: Samuel A. Barts
Serial No.: 10/807,221)
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FOR: METOPROLOL MANUFACTURING)
PROCESS) Atty. Dkt. No.: 124907-00111

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Response is filed in reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment ("Notice") mailed September 18, 2007. The Notice alleges that the Amendment is non-compliant because "each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier." The Notice does not mention the date on which the Amendment is filed. The last papers Applicants filed is a Response on July 5, 2007, where no amendment was presented. Along with the Response of July 5, 2007, Applicant filed priority documents (Provisional Patent Application No.1185/MUM/2003 filed on November 14, 2003 and subsequent Complete Application No.1185/MUM/2003 filed on January 7, 2004) to show support. Applicants note that on PAIR, the claims of the priority documents have been scanned and labeled as "Claims;" however, these claims are part of the priority documents and are not the claims of the present invention. The pending claims of the present invention were filed January 4, 2007. Those claims contain the proper status identifier, and have already been examined by the Examiner pursuant to the Non-

Final Office Action of March 6, 2007. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the Notice is improper, and request its withdrawal.

Applicant has responded to the Notice mailed September 18, 2007. All pending claims are now believed to be allowable and favorable action is respectfully requested.

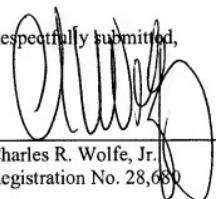
In the event that there are any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Please charge any shortage or credit any overpayment of fees to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (124907-00111). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time.

Any fees due are authorized above.

Date:

Oct 4, 2007

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